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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 29, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego today handed up a four-count indictment charging Matthew Havis Finley with manufacturing a controlled substance. Finley faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine per count.

According to court documents, Finley is a graduate student in the chemistry program at San Diego State University. Court documents allege that a surveillance camera recorded Finley as he used a campus laboratory to manufacture methamphetamine, Ecstasy (MDMA), fentanyl, and phenyl-2-propanone (P2P). On June 15, 2005, federal agents arrested Finley, who admitted manufacturing the drugs. Agents also served a search warrant at Finley's residence and recovered additional MDMA and fentanyl, a controlled substance with effects similar to heroin or morphine.

Prior to the issuance of the indictment, the defendant was arraigned on a criminal complaint, which also charged the defendant with manufacturing a controlled substance. On June 21, 2005, Magistrate Judge

Nita L. Stormes ordered that defendant be detained without bail on that charge. Finley will be arraigned on the indictment on July 5, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., before Judge Stormes.

This investigation lasted approximately eight months and was conducted by detectives with the San Diego State University Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agents, and chemists from the DEA Southwest Laboratory.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 05 CR 1119-JM

Matthew Havis Finley

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Counts: Four

Charges : Manufacturing a Controlled Substance in violation of
Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).
Maximum Penalty: 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine per count.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration
San Diego State University Police Department
Drug Enforcement Administration, Southwest Laboratory

An indictment, itself, is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the United States meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.